Waiting List for LPG Agencies in Ahmednagar, Pune, Sholapur, Nagpur

2433. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the plan for the coming two years for LPG agencies/dealerships for the Ahmednagar, Pune, Sholapur, Nagpur Districts in Maharashtra;

(b) the waiting list for LPG connections in Ahmednagar, Pune, Sholapur, Nagpur cities; and

(c) by when this waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) Number of LPG distributorships included in the LPG Marketing Plan 1994—96 for Ahmednagar, Pune, Sholapur and Nagpur Districts of Maharashtra is indicated below:

Ahmednagar	:	4
Pune	:	18
Sholapur	:	5
Nagpur	:	5

(b) The waiting list for LPG connections in Ahmednagar, Pune, Sholapur, Nagpur cities is given below:

Ahmednagar	:	22043
Pune	:	150931
Sholapur	:	70104
Nagpur	:	61433

(c) New LPG connections are released in a phased manner through-out the country including Ahmednagar, Pune, Sholapur, Nagpur cities depending upon the availability of LPG, new customer enrolment plan, waiting list, slack available with the distributors of the area and their viability.

Norms for setting up power projects with the Cooperation of Private Sector

2434. SHRIMATI ANADIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the norms prescribed by Government to set up power projects with the cooperation participation investment of private sector underkings in the country;

(b) the number of power projects in private sector accorded sanction in each State including Gujarat during the last three years;

(c) whether separate norms, terms and conditions in respect of project-cost, investment and cost of power generation have been prescribed by each state;

(d) whether Government have constituted any panel to monitor the projects set up by private sector; and

(e) if so, the nature of powers given to the panel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The Government of India have prescribed norms for setting up of power projects in the private sector vide notification dated 30th March, 1992 as amended from time to time, inter-alia, regarding norms for Plant Load Factor (PLF), Station Heat Rate, auxiliary consumption, stabilization period, date of commercial operation, hydrology, incentives etc.

(b) 19 projects including 4 projects in Gujarat have been accorded 'Techno-Economic' Clearance (TEC) by the Central Electricity Authority since 1993-94.

(c) In terms of the Government's notification dated 30.3.1992, the tariff for the sale of electricity by a generating company to a State Electricity Board may also be determined in deviation of the notified norms subject to the condition, inter-alia, that the overall per unit tariff of electricity calculated on the basis of the norms in deviation does not exceed the per unit tariff calculated on the basis of the notified norms.

(d) and (e) The Government have constituted a High Powered Board under the chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary for faster clearance of private sector projects. The functions of the Board, inter-alia, include monitoring the processing of the clearances, issue such direc-

tives as may be necessary regarding the processing and issuing of clearances, undertake periodic review of measures taken to encourage private sector participation etc.

Godowns for Storages of Foodgrains in Andhra Pradesh

2435. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals submitted by the Andhra Pradesh Government for construction of godowns in rural areas for storage of foodgrains;

(b) the assistance sought and proposed to be sanctioned; and

(c) by when the funds are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PROSAD VARMA): (a) No proposals have been submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government to the Agricultural Marketing Advisor for construction of godowns in rural areas for storage of foodgrains. The scheme for setting up of rural godowns which was being implemented by this Ministry since 1979-80 stands transferred to the State sector since 1992-93 as per the decision of National Development Council.

(b) and (c) does not arise.

Development of Non-conventional Energy Sources in the North-East

2436. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made by Government to develop non-conventional energy sources in Assam and in other constituents of the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof and their achievement levels;

(c) whether the State Government's have impressed upon greater need of developing these sources in future; and

(d) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCS (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) A wide range of non-conventional enrgy systems and devices have been installed in Assam and other North-Eastern States as indicated in Statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The requests of the North-Eastern States have been considered on case to case basis and feasible projects are supported under the existing schemes of the Central Government.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the systems	Units	No. of systems installed in Assam & other North-Eastern States upto 31.03.1996
1.	Family Size Biogas Plants	Nos.	21168
2.	Improved Chulha	Lakh Nos.	4
3.	Solar Lanterns	Nos.	4954
4.	SPV Water Pumping Systems	Nos.	45
5.	Street Lights	Nos.	2602
6.	Domestic Lights	Nos.	3684
7.	Community Lights	Nos.	262